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SHIP'S HISTORY 1987

The combat stores ship, USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS-4), began 1987 in its homeport of Guam. However, it didn't stay pierside long, departing on 7 January for local operations, returning on 10 January. More local operations followed on the 16 and 17th, leading up to a dependent's cruise around the island on the 24th.

On 26 January, WHITE PLAINS and fellow stores ship USS NIAGRA FALLS (AFS 3) both departed Guam enroute Yokosuka, Japan. Underway replenishment operations were conducted between the ships from 27 to 29 January. WHITE PLAINS arrived in Yokosuka on 31 January.

Staying only one full day, WHITE PLAINS left Yokosuka on 2 February 87, enroute to the Philippines with replenishments scheduled prior to arrival. High seas delayed the unregs, but supplies and fuel were still transferred on 5 and 6 Feb. The ship's included USS ELLIOT (DD 967), USS RAMSEY (FFG 2), USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3), USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36), USS OGDEN (LPD 5) and took fuel from USNS PONCHATOULA (FAO 108).

WHITE PLAINS arrived in Subic Bay, R.P. on 9 Feb, and docked alongside USS PRAIRIE (AD 15). The first major event of the year occurred 23 Feb, with the beginning of Command Inspection. The ship passed the inspection upon its conclusion 25 Feb 87. The following day, WHITE PLAINS departed for and arrived at Manila, Philippines for a liberty visit. WHITE PLAINS left Manila on 2 Mar, its destination the homeport of Guam. Arriving on 7 Mar, WHITE PLAINS returned to sea from the period of 16 Mar to 19 Mar to conduct engineering drills. The last day underway prior to the yard period was on the 25th, which included the ship's ammo onload.

Returning on 26 Mar, IERA commenced. The ship remained pierside into April, shifting piers on 18 April. Two days following, the PMA (Phased Maintenance Availability) officially began. The ship remained inport all of May and June.

With the yard period complete, the ship's next deployment began 25 July, one day earlier than planned, due to a typhoon. Along with USS HALEAKALA, WHITE PLAINS headed for Yokosuka, Japan. Enroute Yokosuka, SQTS were conducted from 26 Jul to 1 Aug. The ship moored in Japan on 1 Aug.

The entire month of August, WHITE PLAINS remained in Japan, preparing for both engineering inspections and REFTRA. September brought aboard MTT WESTPAC (Mobile Training Team) from the 4th until the 6th. On 15 and 16 Sep OPPE (Operation Plant Propulsion Examination) was conducted onboard, a satisfactory examination was not completed.

Again WHITE PLAINS was underway, leaving Japan on 28 Sep to commence REFTRA. The training was completed and passed on 9 Oct. At this time, MTT EASTPAC boarded, and accompanied WHITE PLAINS on it's voyage back to Guam.

WHITE PLAINS entered Apra Harbor in its homeport of Guam on 14 Oct, only to depart on the 18th to evade typhoon Lynne. Returning on 20 Oct, the long and heavy task of a major onload began. In addition, the Supply Department underwent its annual SMI inspection.

On November 2, WHITE PLAINS left Guam for the remainder of 1987. The first stop was a mere two days in Subic Bay, R.P. for a supply onload, arriving 7 Nov, leaving early on the 9th.

The next stop was a 24 hour anchorage outside of Singapore on the 13th which gave the crew a chance to see the lovely commonwealth. Once underway on the 14th, work began.

From the period of 15 Nov through the 23rd of Nov, UNREPS were conducted between WHITE PLAINS and the Midway Battle Group including: USS MIDWAY, USS CIMARRON, USNS KILAUEA, USS TOWERS, USS STERRETT, USS OLENDORF, USS HORNE, USS KNOX, USNS MISPILLION, and USS MCCLUSKY.

On 24 Nov anchored off Masirah, Oman and pierside Muscat Oman on the 25 of Nov. 26 Nov through 30 Nov UNREPS with USS STERRETT, USS TOWERS, USS HORNE, USS KNOX, USS CIMARRON, USS LONG BEACH, USS MIDWAY, USS OLENDORF, and USNS MISPILLION AND USNS KILAUEA.

During the 1 Dec anchor off Masirah, Wayne Newton arrived for a brief visit and departed the following day. On 3 Dec WHITE PLAINS received fuel from USS CIMARRON. On 6 Dec WHITE PLAINS received fuel from USS MISPILLION and USNS KILAUEA. On the 8th WHITE PLAINS transferred fuel to USS TOWERS. From 11 -16 Dec WHITE PLAINS conducted UNREPS with USS KNOX, USS FRANCIS HAMMONDS, USNS MISPILLION, USS OLENDORF, USS TOWERS, USS MIDWAY, USS CIMARRON, USS TICONDEROGA, USS IOWA, USNS KILAUEA, USS STERRETT, USS DEYO, USS OKINAWA, and USS MCCLUSKY. On 23 Dec WHITE PLAINS arrived in Deigo Garcia and stayed until 26 Dec. New Years Eve was spent at sea.

USS WHITE PLAINS is assigned to Commander Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific and is homeported in Guam.

USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS-4) COMMAND HISTORY
CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS

JAN 01, 1987	INPORT GUAM
JAN 07, 1987	DEPART GUAM/LOCAL OPS TRAINING
JAN 09, 1987	ARRRIVE GUAM
JAN 16, 1987	DEPART GUAM/LOCAL OPS TRAINING
JAN 18, 1987	ARRIVE GUAM
JAN 24, 1987	UNDERWAY - DEPENDENT'S CRUISE
JAN 26, 1987	UNDERWAY - ENROUTE JAPAN OPS WITH NIAGRA FALLS/UNREP
JAN 31, 1987	ARRIVE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
FEB 02, 1987	DEPART YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
FEB 05, 1987	UNREP USS ELIOT, USS RAMSEY
FEB 06, 1987	UNREP USS BELLEAU WOOD, USS ANCHORAGE, USS OGDEN TAKE ON FUEL FROM USNS PONCHATTOOLA
FEB 09, 1987	ARRIVE IN SUBIC BAY (PIERED ALONGSIDE PRARIE)
FEB 23, 1987	COMMAND INSPECTION BEGINS
FEB 25, 1987	COMMAND INSPECTION ENDS
FEB 26, 1987	DEPART SUBIC/UNDERWAY FOR MANILA ARRIVE MANILA
MAR 02, 1987	DEPART MANILA, R.P. UNDERWAY FOR GUAM
MAR 07, 1987	ARRIVE GUAM
MAR 16, 1987	UNDERWAY ENGINEERING DRILLS OFF GUAM
MAR 19, 1987	ARRIVE GUAM
MAR 25, 1987	UNDERWAY DRILLS/AMMO LOAD
MAR 26, 1987	ARRIVE GUAM COMMENCE IERA
APR 01, 1987	INPORT GUAM

APR 18, 1987	SHIFT PIERS
APR 20, 1987	PMA BEGINS
MAY 01, 1987	INPORT GUAM
JUN 01, 1987	INPORT GUAM
JUL 01, 1987	INPORT GUAM
JUL 09, 1987	UNDERWAY
JUL 10, 1987	INPORT GUAM
JUL 16, 1987	UNDERWAY (HTFN (b) (6) INJURED)
JUL 17, 1987	INPORT GUAM
JUL 25, 1987	UNDERWAY FOR YOKOSUKA
JUL 26, 1987	CONREP PRACTICE W/USS HALEAKALA
JUL 29, 1987	LAST DAY UNREP W/HALEAKALA
AUG 01, 1987	ARRIVE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
SEP 05, 1987	UNDERWAY MTT WESTPAC PASSED
SEP 07, 1987	RETURN JAPAN (LABOR DAY)
SEP 15, 1987	OPPRE BEGINS
SEP 16, 1987	OPPRE FAILED
SEP 28, 1987	UNDERWAY FOR REFTRA
OCT 01, 1987	UNDERWAY
OCT 09, 1987	REFTRA ENDS MTT EASTPAC ARRIVES
OCT 14, 1987	ARRIVE GUAM
OCT 18, 1987	DEPART GUAM
OCT 20, 1987	ARRIVE GUAM
NOV 02, 1987	DEPART GUAM UNDERWAY FOR SUBIC
NOV 07, 1987	ARRIVE SUBIC BAY
NOV 09, 1987	DEPART SUBIC BAY

NOV 13, 1987	ARRIVE SINGAPORE
NOV 14, 1987	DEPART SINGAPORE
NOV 15, 1987	VERTREP USNS KILAUEA
NOV 17, 1987	UNREP USS MIDWAY
NOV 18, 1987	RECEIVED FUEL FROM USS CIMARRON
NOV 19, 1987	UNREP USS MIDWAY, USS TOWERS, USS STERRET, USS OLENDORF USS HORN, USS KNOX
NOV 20, 1987	UNREP USNS MISPELLION
NOV 23, 1987	UNREP USS MCCLUSKY
NOV 24, 1987	ANCHORED MASIRAH, OMAN UNDERWAY
NOV 25, 1987	PIERSIDE, MUSCAT, OMAN UNDERWAY
NOV 26, 1987	UNREP USS STERRETT
NOV 27, 1987	UNREP USS TOWERS, USS HORN, USS KNOX, USNS MISPELLION USS CIMARRON, USS LONG BEACH, USS MIDWAY
NOV 28, 1987	UNREP USS OLENDORF
NOV 29, 1987	UNREP USNS KILAUEA
DEC 01, 1987	ANCHOR MASIRAH WAYNE NEWTON ARRIVES
DEC 03, 1987	RECEIVED FUEL FROM USS CIMARRON
DEC 05, 1987	GQ - MIDWAY ASSESSMENT
DEC 06, 1987	RECEIVED FUEL FROM USS MISPELLION, USNS KILAUEA
DEC 08, 1987	GIVE FUEL USS TOWERS
DEC 11, 1987	UNREP KNOX, USS HAMMOND, USNS MISPELLION, USS OLENDORF USS TOWERS, USS MIDWAY-TAKE FUEL FROM, USS CIMARRON
DEC 12, 1987	CONREP USS TICONDEROGA, USS IOWA
DEC 13, 1987	CONREP FROM USNS KILAUEA, CONREP USS STERRETT CONREP/FUEL TO DEYO
DEC 14, 1987	VERTREP TO USS OKINAWA, USS MCLUSKY FUEL FROM CIMARRON

DEC 15, 1987

CONREP USNS KILAUEA

DEC 16, 1987

FUEL FROM USS MIDWAY

DEC 23, 1987

ARRIVE DIEGO GARCIA
BOB HOPE SHOW

DEC 26, 1987

DEPART DIEGO GARCIA